

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 17-39 and 49-52 were indicated to be allowed in the Notice of Allowance. This request for continued examination is being submitted out of an abundance of caution to have the allowed claims considered in light of additional prior art. Such art is cited in an accompanying Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

There remains one timely submitted Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (SIDS) for which the undersigned has yet to receive an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 from the Examiner. Specifically, the undersigned filed a SIDS on January 12, 2004. A duplicate copy of the SIDS, including the respective Form PTO-1449 is included with this filing for the Examiner's review. Also provided herewith is a copy of the PTO stamped return receipt postcard proving receipt of said SIDS by the PTO.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the art listed on the January 12, 2004 and March 11, 2004 Forms PTO-1449, and that the Examiner initial said listed art and print said listings on the face of the patent.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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